

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE
417 GOWER ROAD, KILLAY ON WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2009 at 7.15 p.m

Members present: Cllr M.Jones in the Chair

Cllrs: N.Fletcher, J.Hendy, M.Idris,E.Ireland, C.Jenkins, S.John, B.Jones, G.Thomas & P.Williams.

(1) Apologies for Absence.

Were received from: Cllr. K.Johnson & O.Kennedy.

(2) Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct members must declare an interest at the commencement of the matter being discussed or when the interest becomes apparent. Members disclosing an interest must enter the agenda number of the item on the form supplied by the Clerk at each meeting.

(3) Acceptance of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd July 2009 having been previously circulated were agreed, accepted and signed as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising

re: Item (12) (June Minutes) Chair said there was no progress regarding tennis nets in Dunvant Park - fear of being vandalised if left up.

re: Item (7)(a)(vi) Chair said August edition of New Community Times now published for Killay, Sketty & Tycoc; all Community Council summer activities advertised.

re: Item (7)(a)(I) Nothing further to report regarding replacement bus shelter near Commercial.

Re: Item (7)(a) vi) Awaiting Head of Highways report regarding placement of plastic blocks outside chemists shop to deter motorists parking illegally.

Re: Item (12) Cll Jenkins said she had spoken to residents of 29 Goetre Fach Road regarding overhanging bushes and they attended to the matter but Nos 31 and 47 have not been done - Chair said there were quite a lot of others in this road in particular hedge alongside Siloam Chapel. Clerk also mentioned many overhanging trees on Gower Road from Murco Garage to Hendrefoilan roundabout.

Re: Item (12) Clerk said herself and Cllr Ireland attended the 40th Anniversary Garden Party at Mansion House - lovely afternoon.

(5) Police Report & PACT meeting.

The Chair and Cllr Fletcher reported on the PACT meeting held on 27th July at which it was announced that PCSO Clive Dainton was moving on and his position will be taken by PCSO Angela Boath. New P.C. for the area Clare Parry officially started but was not present. Among items discussed from last meeting: (1) Speeding - number of motorists caught speeding in Three Crosses and speed camera has been in use in Goetre Fawr Road (2) Motorists warned about obstructing pavements in Priors Way, Dunvant - PCSO's regularly patrolling the area. (3) Anti Social Behaviour in Dunvant Park - PCSO's regularly patrolling the Park which is included in a Swansea wide campaign to clamp down on youth annoyance especially during school holidays. New items discussed (1) Recent spate of burglaries at commercial premises in Killay in particular the Information Centre and comments made regarding the lack of feedback from the Police/PCSO's and via Neighbourhood Watch. (2) Man with Irish accent and white van visiting elderly residents offering to do jobs and charging exorbitant prices (3) Need for a Drop-In centre for local youths. Priorities set for next meeting which is on 28th September included: Enforcement of 20 mph speed limit in Derlwyn; Anti-Social Behaviour and Under age youths asking adults to purchase cigarettes for them from Costcutter.

(6) Correspondence

(a) Next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at 7 pm Cocket Police Station on Tuesday 1st September.

(b) Letter received from Mrs Mages stating the price of the seat in the precinct in memory of her daughter was far too high.

(c) Wrote to Electoral Office informing them of new councillor co-opted namely: Mrs Sue John.

(7) (a) Chairman's & City Councillors Report

The Chair reported:

- (i) Attended the 40th Anniversary of City status at the Mansion House with Cllr Johnson.
 - (ii) Very successful Fun Weekend held with afternoon in St. Hilary's, Table Top Sales and Songs of Praise which was held in St. Hilary's because of the bad weather - thanked Clerk for her efforts despite remaining in the background.
 - (iii) Many positive remarks received in relation to Hail & Ride Bus Stop near library.
- Cllr Fletcher enquired why residents were only receiving one roll of black bags (12) every six months - Chair said it was being done to encourage people to recycle as much waste as possible.

7 (b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

- (i) Review of City & County of Swansea Gambling Policy available if anyone wants to view on the website.
 - (ii) Invitations left if anyone wishes to attend Royal Air Force Reception in Brangwyn Hall on Wednesday 16th September at 7 p.m.
 - (ii) Planning committee informed Clerk that Cllr Fletcher had been elected Chair of said committee.
 - (iii) Details received of Keep Wales Tidy Week 21st - 27th September - agreed to order cleaning kits.
 - (iv) Banners still appearing on railing bottom end of village in particular Gower Heritage Centre.
 - (ii) Complaints Book: - Nothing.
 - (i) Literature received: Swansea Community Health Council Annual Report.
- Clerical Expenses: £10.02

(7) (d) Planning Committee

Cllr M. Jones left the meeting and took no part in this item also Cllrs Hendy and Jenkins as they had an interest in one particular application. Cllr Fletcher read out four applications to which there were no observations. All councillors returned to the meeting and Cllr Mary Jones returned to the Chair.

(7) (e) Computer Committee

No report but proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr B.Jones that retrospective approval be given for payment made to M. Anton for purchase of computer mouse in the sum of £9.48.

(7) (f) Swansea in Bloom

Reported that Mr Lee from China Kitchen had requested the Parks Department to cut down high plants in central reservation planters from a health & safety point of view and customers couldn't see into his premises. Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr Idris that invoice be paid to City & County of Swansea for £1107.45 (planters etc).

(7) (e) Footpaths

Cllr Jenkins reported that she had walked Footpath 69 and the first pond is thick with weeds and the steps are very dangerous on 2nd pond also evidence of fires being lit in the woods.

(8) Financial Report

The Clerk reported the following balances:

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| Current Account | £ 339 . 02 |
| No. 2 Account | £ 12614 . 89 |
| No. 3 Account | £ 3898 . 35 |

(9) Killay Information and Tourist Centre Report

Cllr P. Williams having been elected to Chair of this committee reported on meeting held Monday and stated sales very good for July and August. Reiterated that key must be left in back door in case of emergency - Cllr Thomas thought there should be a bolt on back door. Clerk distributed balance sheets for July and said insurance forms had been filled in for the burglary and letter received from police stating no evidence found to identify offender at this time. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Idris that we pay invoice to Rockbottom for £237.50. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Hendy that retrospective approval be given for payment made to SWALEC for £58.67. Rent will be due 1st September.

(10) Co-option of Two Members North Ward and Two Members West Ward

No progress reported on any further co-options.

(11) Summer Events

Chair said lovely atmosphere at Church Hall for the children, despite weather bouncy castle indoors and everything went smoothly. Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Jenkins that retrospective approval be given for payment made to InHouse Entertainments for £280.60. Proposed by Cllr Ireland seconded by Cllr John that we donate £15.00 to St. Hilary's for use of Church Hall. Saturday morning in precinct had been excellent and Cllr Jenkins thanked everyone who gave donations to Air Ambulance. Finally Songs of Praise and a lovely service held in St Hilary's with Salvation Army Band and Dunvant Rugby Club Choir.

(12) Annual Coffee Morning

Agreed that the annual coffee morning would be held in Siloam Chapel on second Saturday in October 10th subject to availability and all proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

(13) Any Other Business

Cllrs Ireland and Jenkins gave their apologies for absence at the next meeting.

Cllr Fletcher said trees at the roundabout near Funeral Parlour/Goetre Fawr Road badly need cutting back.

Clerk thanked everyone for their kind words of sympathy and support over the loss of her mother.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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